has been constrained due to high cost of raw materials and their inadequate availability. The decline in case of textile products, basic chemicals and chemical products, machinery & equipment was *inter-alia* due to high base effect (their growth rate was high in the base period *i.e.* 2004-05) though infrastructure support, market conditions and raw materials availability also affected their growth rate.

FDI In States

175. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of offers for Foreign Direct Investment in Different ventures in different States in infrastructure, particularly in Andhra Pradesh;

(b)the offers approved, the FDI involved and the job opportunites likely to flow therefrom;

(c) whether Government are paying special attention to push FDI and Fll inflows;

(d) if so, the details thereof,

(e) whether a delegation headed by the Minister of Commerce visited Australia and other European country to invite FDI in different sectors especially in the infrastructure sector; and

(f) if so, details of success with respect to different countries visited?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCBAND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) and (b) Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) approved during January 2003 to April, 2006 in infrastructure in various States is Rs. 4,887,71 crore. State-wise FDI approved is given in the Statement (See below). FDI like any other invesment has the potential to increase employment opportunities.

(c) and (d) Policy initiatives of the Government for attracting foreign investments are mainly oriented towards suplementing domestic

investment and bridging the investment-savings gap in the economy. FDI, apart from bringing in capital, also brings with it modem technology and business practices and helps in increasing the competitiveness of the domestic industry. Focus of the policy for encouraging investment by Foreign Institutional Investors is on reducing the vulnerability of the financial system to the flow of speculative capital.

(e) and (0 Yes, Sir. Delegations led by the Commerce and Industry Minister (CIM) had visited Australia, France and U.K. during the last one year when investment promotion events were organised in these countries. The events were aimed at building greater awareness of investment opportunities including the infrastructure sector in India.

Statement

State-wise break-up for FDI approved from January, 2003 to April, 2006 for Infrastructure Sector

(Infrastructure sector includes fuels (power and oil refinery), telecommunications, ports, construction activities and real estate)

(Amount in Rs. crore)

SI.No.	Name of the State	No. of Approvals Financial	Amount of Direct Investment foreign Approved	%to Total
1	2	3	4	5
1	Andhra Pradesh	27	521.71	10.67
2	Assam	1	0.51	0.01
3	Gujrat	12	544.96	11.15
4	Haryana	7	0.28	0.01
5	Hima cal Prades	1	9.00	0.18
6	Karnataka	31	282.74	5.78
7	Kerala	3	32.46	0.66
8	Madhya Pradesh	2	6.29	.. 0.13
9	Maharashtra	63	373.39	7.64
10	Punjab	4	306.83	12.35
11	Rajasthan	3	21.46	0.44

1	2	3	4	5
12	Tamil Nadu	43	445.96	9.12
13	Uttar Pradesh	3	6.73	0.14
14	West Bengal	13	313.75	3.42
15	Chhattisgarh		191.60	3.92
16	Jharkhand		0.20	0.00
17	Chandigarh	3	3.21	0.07
18	Delhi	81	757.27	15.49
19	Goa		0.00	0.00
20	Pondicherry	2	0.49	0.01
21	Daman & Diu		0.24	0.01
22	State Not indicated	31	771.64	15.79
	TOTAL	334	4,887.71	

Establishment of 150 SEZs

†176. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to establish 150 Special Economic Zones in the coming years in the country;

(b) if not, the actual number thereof;

(c) by when these zones would be established;

(d) the number of SEZs for the setting up of which sanction has been accorded so far; and

(e) what would be the total number of commercial and industrial units in these Special Economic Zones, as per the decision of Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH):

†Origlhal notice of the question was received in Hindi.